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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

As noted in the enclosed copy of the September 19, 2019 Order of the North Dakota Public Service Commission, the carriers listed have accounted to the North Dakota Public Service Commission by affidavit that all federal support they receive will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Therefore, pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the North Dakota Public Service Commission certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that, the carriers listed (see attached list) are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission certifies for the carriers listed all federal high-cost support provided to the carriers within North Dakota was used in the preceding calendar year (2018) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2020) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Signed,

Patrick Fahn

Director, Public Utilities Division Contact phone: 701-328-4077

**Enclosures** 

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| Telecommunications Carrier   | Rural      | 381601          |
| Abcaraka Co-onerative Telephone Company, mo  | CETC       | 389009          |
| Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Farmership   | Rural      | 381604          |
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| Citizens Telecommunications Company of Miniscotta, 223   | Rural      | 386325          |
| Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.   | Rural      | 381607          |
| Consolidated Telcom  | Rural      | 381610          |
| Dokoto Central Telecom I IIIC.   | Rural      | 381610          |
| Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative  | Rural      | 386128          |
| Daktel Communications LLC  | Rural      | 381611          |
| Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative   | Rural      | 381615 & 381622 |
| Griggs County Telephone Co.  |            | 361401 & 389002 |
| Halstad Telephone Company  | Rural-MN & | 301401 & 303002 |
|  | ND         | 381616          |
| Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C.  | Rural      | 391664          |
| James Valley Telecommunications  | Rural-SD   | 361443          |
| Loretel Systems, Inc.  | Rural-MN   |                 |
| Midcontinent Communications  | CETC       | 389011          |
| Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc.  | Rural-MT   | 482246          |
| Midstate Communications Inc.   | Rural      | 381638          |
| Midstate Communications me.  Midstate Telephone Company, LLC                                   | Rural      | 381617          |
| Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.   | Rural      | 382247          |
| Nemont Telephone Cooperative Inc.  | Rural      | 382247          |
| New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC   | CETC       | 389015          |
| North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership  | CETC       | 389006          |
| North Dakota 5- Kidder Limited Partnership   | CETC       | 389010          |
| North Dakota 5- Noder Limited Fartheromp   | CETC       | 389004          |
| North Dakota Network Co. North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership                            | CETC       | 389008          |
| North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Particismp  | Rural      | 381447          |
| North Dakota Telephone Company   | Rural      | 381625          |
| Northwest Communications Cooperative, a Cooperative  |            |                 |
| Association Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership                      | CETC       | 389007          |
| Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Elithica Fathers in Market Aid Corporation dha Polar | Rural      | 381630 & 381614 |
| Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corporation dba Polar  |            |                 |
| Communications   | Rural      | 389003          |
| Polar Telcom, Inc.   | Non-rural  | 385144          |
| Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC   | Rural-SD   | 399010 & 391674 |
| RC Technologies  | Rural      | 381631          |
| Red River Rural Telephone Association dba Red River  | 110.0      |                 |
| Communications   | Rural      | 381632          |
| Reservation Telephone Cooperative  | CETC &     | 389013, 388001, |
| Sagebrush Cellular, Inc.   | Mobility   | 388002, 388003, |
|  | 11.00      | 388004, 388005, |
|  |            | 388006          |
|  | Rural      | 383303          |
| SRT Communications, Inc.   | Rural      | 381636          |
| Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.   | Rural      | 381636          |
| United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation  | Rural-SD   | 391680          |
| Venture Communications Cooperative   | Rural      | 381637          |
| West River Telecommunications Cooperative  |            | 381509          |
| Wolverton Telephone Company  | Rural      | 381509          |

#### STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

### **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Public Service Commission USF Use Certification 47 CFR 54.314 (2020) Compliance Case No. PU-19-197

### ORDER CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICES SUPPORT

### September 19, 2019

Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) requires that telecommunications carriers use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended." Code of Federal Regulations Title 47, Section 54.314 requires: "States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." State certification must be filed no later than October 1 of each year in order for certified telecommunications carriers to receive support for the following year, 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d).

On August 28, 2002, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) issued an order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 indicating that any telecommunications carrier providing local exchange service in North Dakota that desires to have NDPSC certification to the FCC under 47 C.F.R. §54.314 shall file an affidavit with the NDPSC by September 14 of each year, as described in the order, certifying that federal support they receive is used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e). The NDPSC further ordered that affidavits filed with the NDPSC will be the basis for the NDPSC's certification to the FCC.

Affidavits regarding use of federal universal service support were filed with the NDPSC by the companies listed in the ordering clause below.

Under North Dakota law, the NDPSC has limited jurisdiction over rural telecommunications carriers. The FCC in its order recognized that some states have only limited regulatory oversight to ensure that federal universal support is reflected in intrastate rates and concluded that such states may nonetheless certify to the FCC that carriers in the state had accounted to the state commission for receipt of federal support, and that the support will be used as required under Section 254(e). (See Fourteenth R&O at ¶ 188). The FCC also recognized that some carriers may not be subject to the jurisdiction of a state regulatory authority, and in those instances carriers

can certify directly to the FCC by means of a sworn affidavit executed by a corporate officer attesting to the use of the support only for purposes permitted under the Act. (See Fourteenth R&O at  $\P$  189).

Based on the discussion above, the NDPSC issues the following:

#### Order

1. The NDPSC certifies that the following Eligible Telecommunications Carriers providing local exchange service in North Dakota have accounted to the NDPSC by affidavit that all federal support that was used in the preceding calendar year and all federal support that will be used in the coming calendar year will be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, under and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the company's study area.

Absaraka Co-operative Telephone Company, Inc. **Badlands Cellular of North Dakota** Limited Partnership **BEK Communications Cooperative** Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC **Consolidated Communications** Networks, Inc. Consolidated Telcom Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative **Daktel Communications LLC** Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative Griggs County Telephone Co. Halstad Telephone Company Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C. James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company

Loretel Systems, Inc.
Midcontinent Communications
Midstate Communications Inc.
Midstate Telephone Company
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Missouri Valley Communications, Inc.
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

North Dakota 5 – Kidder Limited
Partnership
North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited
Partnership
North Dakota Telephone Company
Northwest Communications
Cooperative, A Cooperative
Association
Northwest Dakota Cellular of North
Dakota Limited Partnership
Polar Communications Mutual Aid
Corporation d/b/a Polar

Communications
Polar Telcom, Inc.
Qwest Communications dba
CenturyLink QC

RC Technologies

Red River Rural Telephone Association, d/b/a Red River Communications

Reservation Telephone Cooperative Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. SRT Communications, Inc.

Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc. United Telephone Mutual Aid

Corporation

Venture Communications Cooperative
West River Telecommunications
Cooperative
Wolverton Telephone Company

### North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership

- 2. The NDPSC certification is based upon the affidavits filed by the foregoing named Eligible Telecommunications Carriers.
- 3. The North Dakota Public Service Commission will send a copy of each of the filed affidavits to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION** 

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19 Sept 2019

### STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Public Service Commission USF Use Certification 47 CFR 54.314 (2020) Compliance Case No. PU-19-197

#### MOTION

#### September 19, 2019

I move the Commission adopt the Order Certifying Use of Federal Universal Services Support in Public Service Commission, USF Use Certification 47 CFR 54.314 (2020), Compliance, Case No. PU-19-197.

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### BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-19-197 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

### AFFIDAVIT OF ABSARAKA COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )<br>) ss |
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| County of Cass        | )         |

Ann Faught, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Company (SAC 381601) (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an ETC.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2020.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

| study area: (a) voice grade access to the publi<br>equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service a<br>emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services  |   |
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| Dated this 14th day of August  | , 2019.   |
| <i>y</i>   | ABSARAKA COOPERATIVE<br>TELEPHONE COMPANY   |
|  | By: <u>Circle Faught</u> Ann Faught Its: Manager  |
| State of North Dakota ) ) ss.  County of Cass )  |   |
| On this 14th day of 14ug 15th for said County and State, personally appeared Manager of ABSARAKA COOPERATIVE TELEPH corporation that is described in and that executed me that such corporation executed the same. | , 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and ANN FAUGHT, known to me to be the HONE COMPANY (SAC 381601), the the within instrument, and acknowledged to |
| MICHELLE K. HOVLAND  Notary Public  State of North Dakota  My Commission Expires Dec. 5, 2019  | Notary Public<br>For the State of North Dakota<br>My commission expires: <u>Dec らん</u> り  |

#### BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, CASE NO. PU-19-197

#### AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

#### AFFIDAVIT OF

BADLANDS CELLULAR OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").
- The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389009 to the Company.
- Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.
- The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within which the Support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the NDPSC's Orders concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the August 2, 2019 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-19-197. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2020.
- The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7 and 54.314.

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| Dated this 22 | day of August, 2019. |

Partnership.

Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership enallisha Poduni Vice President - Taxes of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership Commonwealth of Virginia ) ) ss. County of Loudoun On this (1) day of August, 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Radhika Poduri, Vice President – Taxes of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of Badlands Cellular of North Dakota Limited JULIA GEAR NOTARY PUBLIC REGISTRATION #7888998 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOVEMBER 30, 2020 My Commission expires 11/34/2020

#### BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

#### AFFIDAVIT OF BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| CERTIFICATION         | OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SOLL SKI |
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| State of North Dakota | )<br>) ss.                                   |
| County of Kidder      | )  |

Derrick Bulawa, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by BEK Communications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filling this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to BEK Communications Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R.§ 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the

following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

| Dated this 20 day of Augus 7                             | , 2019.  |
|--|--|
|  | BEK COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE  By  Derrick Bulawa  Its: Manager |
| State of North Dakota ) ) ss.                            |  |
| County of Kidder )                                       |  |
| On this 20 <sup>th</sup> day of                          | COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is                             |
| MICHAEL MITTLEIDER  Notary Public  State of North Dakota | Notary Public For the State of North Dakota                      |

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

| STATE OF CONNECTICUT) |      |
|-----------------------|------|
|                       | ) ss |
| COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD   | )    |

Allison M. Ellis, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC, Study Area Code 361123, (the "Company"), as its Vice President, Regulatory Affairs. Affiant is an officer of the Company and is authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided to support the request of the Company for certification by the North Dakota Public Service Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in CC Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) and the order of the FCC released November 18, 2011 in CC Docket Number 96-45 and WC Docket Number 10-90 et al. (FCC 11-161), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support provided to such carriers within each state was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used by in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002 in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2020.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support it received during the four quarters of 2018 was used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support was intended, pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7, and that the Company used the Support to support the services designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 as in effect at that time. The Company also certifies that the federal Support it will receive during the four quarters of 2020 will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, pursuant

to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R § 54.7, and that the Company will use the Support to support the services designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101.

### FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

|                           |             | Aslle                                       |
|---------------------------|-------------|---|
|                           |             | Allison M. Ellis                            |
| STATE OF CONNECTICUT      | )           |   |
| COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD       | ) ss.<br>)  |   |
| Subscribed and sworn to b | oefore me t | his $\frac{Q+M}{M}$ day of September, 2019. |

Notary Public

### BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

## AFFIDAVIT OF CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, INC. REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )     |
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|                       | ) ss. |
| County of Stark       | )     |

Paul Schuetzler, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding Calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout

the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

| consumers.   |  |
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| Dated this 14th day of Ancust  | , 2019.  |
|  | CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, INC.                                       |
|  | By Schuetzler Its: Manager   |
| State of North Dakota ) ss.  |  |
| County of Stark )  |  |
| On this 14th day of Anonst   | , 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and  |
| for said County and State, personally appeare the Manager of CONSOLIDATED COMMUNIC that is described in and that executed the with | ed PAUL SCHUETZLER, known to me to be<br>CATIONS NETWORKS, INC., the corporation |
| such corporation executed the same.  |  |
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|  | Notary Public  |
|  | For the State of North Dakota  |
|  |  |
| BRYAN W PERSONNE   | _  |

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA My Commission Expires June 23, 2023

### BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

## AFFIDAVIT OF CONSOLIDATED TELCOM REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )<br>) ss. |
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| County of Stark       | )          |

Paul Schuetzler, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Consolidated Telcom (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Consolidated Telcom was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice

grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

| Dated this 14th day of Aucust  | , 2019.                                      |
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|  | CONSOLIDATED TELCOM                          |
|  | Paul Schuetzler<br>Its: Manager              |
| State of North Dakota )  |  |
| County of Stark ) ss.  |  |
| On this 14 day of August for said County and State, personally appeare the Manager of CONSOLIDATED TELCOM, to executed the within instrument, and acknowle the same. | he corporation that is described in and that |
| BRYAN W PERSONNE<br>NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA<br>MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 23, 2023  |  |

#### BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

# AFFIDAVIT OF DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOM I, INC. REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )<br>) ss. |  |
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| County of Foster      | )          |  |

Keith Larson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Dakota Central Telecom I, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

| Dated this 12 day of Augus  | <u>†                                    </u> |
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|   | By Keith Larson Its: Manager                 |
| State of North Dakota ) ) ss.   |  |
| County of Foster )  |  |
| On this 12 <sup>th</sup> day of August in and for said County and State, personally appeared the Manager of DAKOTA CENTRAL Tedescribed in and that executed the within in such corporation executed the same. | ELECOM I, Inc., the corporation that is      |
| LORI SOLBERG Notary Public State of North Dakota My Commission Expires Dec. 3, 2020   | Notary Public For the State of North Dakota  |

## BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

### AFFIDAVIT OF DAKOTA CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )     |
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|                       | ) ss. |
| County of Foster      | )     |

Keith Larson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the

Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

| Dated this 12 day of Augus 1   | , 2019.   |
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|  | DAKOTA CENTRAL<br>TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE                    |
|  | By Kerl A January Keith Larson Its: Manager                         |
| State of North Dakota ) ) ss.  |   |
| County of Foster )   |   |
| and for said County and State, personally ap   | CENTRAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS escribed in and that executed the within |
| LORI SOLBERG<br>Notary Public<br>State of North Dakota<br>My Commission Expires Dec. 3, 2020 | Notary Public For the State of North Dakota                         |

## BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

### AFFIDAVIT OF DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC. REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | ) | SS.         |
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| County of Foster      | ) | <b>33</b> . |

Keith Larson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Daktel Communications, LLC. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Daktel Communications, LLC. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice

grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

| Dated this 12 day of August  | <u>,</u> 2019.   |
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| By Keith   | COMMUNICATIONS, LLC.  Larson Manager   |
| State of North Dakota  ) ss.  County of Foster  On this Ath day of August, 2019, before many and State, personally appeared KEITH LARSON, DAKTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC., the corporation that is within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation for the State of North Dakota  My Commission Fyrites Dec. 3, 2000  For the State of North Dakota | ne, a Notary Public in and for said known to me to be the Manager of sidescribed in and that executed the oration executed the same. |

## BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

#### AFFIDAVIT OF DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )<br>) ss. |  |
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| County of Dickey      | )          |  |

Kent Schimke, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

| Dated this 16 day of Augus  | <u> </u>  |
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|   | DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE  |
|   | ByKent Schimke Its: Manager   |
| State of North Dakota ) ) ss.   |   |
| County of Dickey )  |   |
| On thisloday ofAugust_<br>for said County and State, personally appeared<br>Manager of DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE<br>described in and that executed the within instru<br>corporation executed the same. | COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is  |
|   | TROY RADERMACHER Notary Public State of North Dakota My Commission Expires Dec 15, 2021 |

## BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-19-197 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

### AFFIDAVIT OF GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )     |
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|                       | ) ss. |
| County of Ransom      | )     |

Tyler Kilde, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Griggs County Telephone Company (SAC 381615) (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of President.
- 2. The Company is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ('ETC') within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an ETC.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2020.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Griggs County Telephone Company (SAC 381615) was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will

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Griggs County Telephone Co.

use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

| Dated this 16 te day of August, 2019.                                  |
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| GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY (SAC 381615)                           |
| Tyler Rilde Its: President   |
| State of North Dakota )  |
| ) ss. County of Ransom )   |
| On this 16th day of Quant , 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and fo |

or said County and State, personally appeared TYLER KILDE, known to me to be the President of GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY (SAC 381615), the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

SUSAN SCHROEDER Notary Public State of North Dakota My Commission Expires Nov. 14, 2019 **Notary Public** 

For the State of North Dakota

My commission expires: 11 - 14 - 19

### BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-19-197 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

### AFFIDAVIT OF GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )     |
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| 0                     | ) ss. |
| County of Ransom      | )     |

Tyler Kilde, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Griggs County Telephone Company (SAC 381622) (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of President.
- 2. The Company is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an ETC.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2020.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Griggs County Telephone Company (SAC 381622) was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will

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use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

| Dated this / 6th day of Augu   | , 2019.                                     |  |
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| GRIG   | GS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY                 |  |
|  | ler Kilde<br>: President                    |  |
| State of North Dakota )  |   |  |
| County of Ransom ) ss.   |   |  |
| On this day of, 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared TYLER KILDE, known to me to be the President of GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY (SAC 381622), the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. |   |  |
| SUSAN SCHROEDER Notary Public State of North Dakota My Commission Expires Nov. 14, 2019  | Notary Public For the State of North Dakota |  |
|  | My commission expires: 11-14-19             |  |

# BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-19-197 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

### AFFIDAVIT OF HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of Minnesota | )          |
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| County of Norman   | ) ss.<br>) |

Mark Forseth, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Halstad Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of CEO.
- 2. The Company is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an ETC. The Company receives Support from two study area codes identified by USAC as 361401 and 389002.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2020.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Halstad Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to

qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 13th day of August, 2019.

HALSTAD TELEPHONE COMPANY

By / // Mark Forseth

Its: CEO

State of Minnesota

) ) ss.

County of Norman

On this day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared MARK FORSETH, known to me to be the C E O of HALSTAD COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



Notary Public

For the State of Minnesota

My commission expires 2003 000

### BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

### AFFIDAVIT OF INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )         |
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| County of Barnes      | ) ss<br>) |

Derrick Bulawa, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General Manager/CEO.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federat Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Inter-Community Telephone Company, LLC was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout

the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

| Dated this <u>20</u> day of   | August , 2019.  |  |  |
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|   | INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC  By  Derrick Bulawa Its: General Manager/CEO |  |  |
| State of North Dakota ) ) ss. County of Barnes )  | •   |  |  |
| On this 20th day of August, 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared DERRICK BULAWA, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO of INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. |   |  |  |
| MICHAEL MITTLEIDER Notary Public State of North Dakota  | Notary Public For the State of North Dakota   |  |  |

### BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PU 439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-90

### AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| SOUTH DAKOTA    | ) |    |
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|                 | ) | SS |
| COUNTY OF BROWN | ) |    |

James Groft, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. I am the CEO of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company of Groton, South Dakota (hereinafter, the "Cooperative").
- 2. The Cooperative is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Cooperative is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Cooperative as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. I am personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Cooperative, and with how the Cooperative uses all Support it receives.
- 4. The Cooperative is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year, and will be used in the coming calendar year, by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Cooperative is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Cooperative's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2016, and for all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Cooperative hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Cooperative will use

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the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, through the Cooperative's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this <u>26th</u> day of August, 2019.

JAMES VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY

By: Jámes Groft

Its: CEO

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

SS

**COUNTY OF BROWN** 

On this 264 day of August, 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared James Groft, known to me to be the CEO of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, the cooperative that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such cooperative executed the same.

Notary Public, South Dakota

My Commission Expires:

9-21-22

#### AFFIDAVIT OF LORETEL SYSTEMS, INC. CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of Minnesota   | )          |
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| County of Otter Tail | ) ss.<br>) |

David Schornack, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Arvig Enterprises, Inc. the holding company of Loretel Systems, Inc. (SAC 361443) (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Director of Sales & Business Development.
- 2. The Company is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an ETC.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2020.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Loretel Systems, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying

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|    | Universal Servi  | ce Support                 |            |

Loretel Systems, Inc.

| Dated this 26th day of August   | , 2019.   |
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|   | By Bavid Schornack Director of Sales & Business Development                   |
| State of Minnesota ) ss. County of Otter Tail )                                     |   |
| •   | described in and that executed the within                                     |
| MAVERICK BRYCE LARSON NOTARY PUBLIC – MINNESOTA My Commission Expires JAN. 31, 2021 | Notary Public For the State of Minnesota My commission expires: Jan. 31, 2021 |

low-income consumers.

# AFFIDAVIT OF MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of South Dakota | )    |
|-----------------------|------|
|                       | ) ss |
| County of Minnehaha   | )    |

As an officer of Midcontinent Communications, I, Patrick J. Mastel, being first duly sworn on oath, do hereby affirm personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Midcontinent Communications (hereinafter, the "Company"), is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214 (e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254 (e) of the Act.
- 2. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support it receives.
- 3. The Company filed an affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket 10-90 and WC Docket 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254 (e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7.
- 4. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Midcontinent Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be

used in the coming year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254 (e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7

Patrick J. Mastel

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of Aug., 2019.

Notary Public

(SEAL)

Notary Print Name: Karen Hartenheft My Commission Expires: 4-21-2027



State of South Dakota )
)ss
County of Minnehaha )

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

As an officer of Midcontinent Communications, I, Scott Anderson, hereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding of the requirements of the Federal Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 Section 254(e) and in WC Docket No. 14-58. This is in respect to the receipt of any federal universal service funds received as high-cost support. I hereby affirm that all federal high-cost support received by Midcontinent Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Scott Anderson
Chief Legal Counsel
Midcontinent Communications

| Subscribed and sworn to before me    | this $26^{+n}$ day of June, 2019.   |
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|                                      | - Karen Harterhoff                  |
| 4-0                                  | Notary Public                       |
| KAREN HARTENHOFF                     |                                     |
| SEAL NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL SOUTH DAKOTA | Notary Print Name: Karen Hartenhoff |
| My Commission Expires 4 - 21 - 2022  | My Commission Expires: 41-21-25-27  |

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

| IN THE MATTER OF THE 2019             | ) |                               |
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| Annual Certification of Eligible      | Ś |                               |
| Telecommunications Carriers to the    | Ś | COMMISSION CASE NO. PU-19-197 |
| Federal Communications Commission for | í | Docket No. 14.58              |
| 2020 High Cost and Low-Income Support | í | 20000110.11.30                |

#### AFFIDAVIT OF Dennis Green

<u>Dennis Green</u>, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is an officer of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of President.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "ACT"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of the Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit with reference to WC Docket NO. 14-58 and in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. §54.314 and modified by the FCC's November 18, 2011 Transformation Order FCC 11-161, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. §54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2002 in Case NO. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2020, and for all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that it only used support in 2018 and will only use support in 2020 for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. §54.7

Dated this 27day of and, 2019

Dennis Green
Board President

Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

State of County of Monteuna McCone

Signed and sworn to before me on August 27, 2019

by Dennis Green.

Notary Signature

(Affix Notarial Seal/Stamp Above)

## AFFIDAVIT OF MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )    |
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| County of Mountrail   | ) ss |
| County of Mountian    | ,    |

Ryan Wilhelmi, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Midstate Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Midstate Communications, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

| Dated this 12 day of Argus T   | , 2019.  |
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|  | MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  |
|  | By Ryan Wilhelmi<br>Its: Manager   |
| State of North Dakota ) ) ss.  | · .  |
| County of Mountrail )  |  |
| for said County and State, personally appeared Manager of MIDSTATE COMMUNICATIONS, If that executed the within instrument, and acknowledges. | NC., the corporation that is described in and  |
| executed the same.   | HOLLY KAISER Rotary Public Slote of North Dakola My Commission Exples Sectember 23, 2021 |
|  | Notary Public  |
|  | For the State of North Dakota  |

## AFFIDAVIT OF MIDSTATE TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )     |
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| County of Mountrail   | ) ss. |

Ryan Wilhelmi, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Midstate Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Midstate Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

| study area: (a) voice grade access to the p<br>equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service<br>emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services | e at no addition          | onal charge: (c                        | access to                                   |
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|   | By Ryan Wilhe Its: Manage | er<br>er                               | <b>,</b><br><del>22</del>                   |
| State of North Dakota ) ss.   |                           |  |   |
| County of Mountrail )   |                           |  |   |
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| oxeduted the same.  | 1/00                      | 1,                                     | HOLLY KAISER Notory Public                  |

For the State of North Dakota

## AFFIDAVIT OF MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of Montana  | )     |
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|                   | ) ss. |
| County of Daniels | )     |

Remi Sun, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Financial Officer.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

| equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local emergency services; and (d) toll limitation | the public switched network or its functional service at no additional charge; (c) access to n services to qualifying low-income consumers.   |
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| Dated this Lath day of Augus   | \$ 2019.  |
|  | MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC. By   |
|  | Remi Sun<br>Its: Chief Financial Officer  |
| State of Montana ) ) ss.   |   |
| Financial Officer of MISSOURI VALLEY C   | , 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for ared REMI SUN, known to me to be the Chief COMMUNICATIONS, INC., the corporation that is instrument, and acknowledged to me that such |
| TARA L. BOZE NOTARY PUBLIC for the State of Montana Residing at Scobey, Montana      | Notary Public For the State of Montana  |
| My Commission Expires April 26, 2021   |   |

## AFFIDAVIT OF NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of Montana  | )      |     |
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| County of Daniels | )<br>) | SS. |

Remi Sun, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Financial Officer.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

| emergency services; and (d) toll limita  | to the public switched network or its functional cal service at no additional charge; (c) access to tion services to qualifying low-income consumers.                              |
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| Dated this 16 day of Aug   | <u>305+</u> , 2019.  |
|  | NEMONT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.  By  Remi Sun Its: Chief Financial Officer  |
| State of Montana ) ) ss.   | •  |
| On this day of Haust and for said County and State, persor Chief Financial Officer of NEMONT TE                      | , 2019, before me, a Notary Public in nally appeared REMI SUN, known to me to be the ELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC., the corporation he within instrument, and acknowledged to me that |
| TARA L. BOZE NOTARY PUBLIC for the State of Montana Residing at Scobey, Montana My Commission Expires April 26, 2021 | Notary Public O For the State of Montana   |

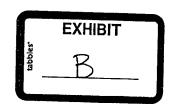
#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certification of NEW
CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier
Relating to Use of Federal Universal
Service Funds

| DOCKET | NO. |  |
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#### **CERTIFICATION**

- I, Brian D West, do hereby certify as follows:
- 1. I serve as Assistant Vice President Mobility Markets for AT&T Mobility LLC ("Company"), and its subsidiary New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("New Cingular"). My business address is 7900 Xerxes Avenue South, Floor 1, Bloomington, Minnesota 55431.
- 2. In my capacity as Assistant Vice President, I am an authorized representative of the Company and its subsidiary licensees and am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of New Cingular.
- 3. New Cingular has been designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") for the purpose of qualifying to obtain all available federal universal service support including, but not limited to, support for rural, insular and high costs areas, and for low-income customers, <u>In the Matter of the Application of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier</u>, Order, ND. PUC Case No. PU-11-86 (July 13, 2011).
- 4. New Cingular only used the federal high-cost universal service support received during the preceding calendar year (2018) and will only use the federal high-cost support received in the coming calendar year (2020) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.



29 PU-19-197 Filed 07/30/2019 Pages: 2 Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal Universal Service Support New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Executed on July 23, 2019.

Assistant Vice President Mobility Market

Signed at Rooming Tow, Minnesota

Subscribed and sworn to before me This 23 day of July, 2019.

MICHEL A COCCIA II Notary Public Minnesota My Commission Expires Jan 31, 2022

#### AFFIDAVIT REGARDING THE USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST SUPPORT

AT&T Mobility LLC and its subsidiary New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

| STATE OF MINNESOTA | ) |
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|                    | ) |
| COUNTY OF HENNEPIN | ) |

The undersigned, Brian D. West, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby state as follows:

- 1. I serve as Assistant Vice President for AT&T Mobility LLC ("Company"), and its subsidiary New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("New Cingular"). My business address is 208 S AKARD ST, Room 832, Dallas, Texas 75202.
- In my capacity as Assistant Vice President, I am an authorized representative of the Company and its subsidiary licensees and am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of New Cingular.
- New Cingular has been designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") for the
  purpose of qualifying to obtain all available federal universal service support including, but not
  limited to, support for rural, insular and high costs areas, and for low-income customers, <u>In the
  Matter of the Application of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for Designation as an Eligible
  Telecommunication Carrier, Order, ND PSC Case No. PU-11-86 (July 13, 2011).
  </u>
- 4. New Cingular files this affidavit pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCCs") Order of May 23, 2001 in CC Docket 96-45, its Order of June 10, 2014 in WC Dockets 14-58, and 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal high-cost universal service support received by the carrier will only be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended.
- 5. In accordance with section 54.314(b) of the FCC's rules and section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, New Cingular hereby certifies that it only used federal high-cost universal service support received during the preceding calendar year (2018) and will only use federal high-cost universal service support in the coming calendar year (2020) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

August 15th 2019 Men am 2

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MICHEL A COCCIA II
Notary Public
Minnesota
My Commission Expires
Jan 31, 2022

AT&T Mobility LLC

By: New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

Its: Manager

Name: Brian D. West

Title: Assistant Vice President

#### BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, CASE NO. PU-19-197

### AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

#### AFFIDAVIT OF

NORTH CENTRAL RSA 2 OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389006 to the Company.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within which the Support is intended, as required by Section 254(c) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the NDPSC's Orders concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the August 2, 2019 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-19-197. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2020.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7 and 54.314.

North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited

| Dated this 22 day of August, 2019 |   |
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| Dated this 22 day of August, 2019 | • |

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|  | By Radhala Poduni  |
|  | Radhika Poduri   |
|  | Vice President - Taxes of CommNet Cellular   |
|  | Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of   |
|  | North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited Partnership  |
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| Commonwealth of Virginia )                     |  |
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| County of Loudoun )                            |  |
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| and State, personally appeared Radinka         | 19, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County<br>Poduri, Vice President – Taxes of CommNet Cellular<br>gent of North Central RSA 2 of North Dakota Limited |
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| NOTARY PUBLIC REGISTRATION # 7868998           | Notary Public  |
| COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES | My Commission expires $1/36/262$   |
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### BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, CASE NO. PU-19-197

### AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

#### AFFIDAVIT OF

NORTH DAKOTA 5 - KIDDER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinaster "Support") by North Dakota 5 Kidder Limited Partnership (hereinaster "Company").
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389010 to the Company.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within which the Support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the NDPSC's Orders concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the August 2, 2019 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-19-197. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2020.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7 and 54.314.

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|  | North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership  By Radhika Poduri  Vice President - Taxes of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership |
| Commonwealth of Virginia ) ss. County of Loudoun )   |   |
| and State, personally appeared Radhika P   | 9, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County Poduri, Vice President – Taxes of CommNet Cellular ent of North Dakota 5 - Kidder Limited Partnership.   |
| JULIA GEAR NOTARY PUBLIC REGISTRATION # 7868998 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOVEMBER 30, 2020 | Notary Public  My Commission expires 11/30/2020   |

## AFFIDAVIT OF NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK CO. REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )    |
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|                       | ) ss |
| County of Ward        | )    |

Steve Lysne, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by North Dakota Network Co. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to North Dakota Network Co. was used in the preceding calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7.

| 6. The Company will not receive to year due to the relinquishment of eligible telectory 28, 2018. An Order on Eligible Telectory 28, 2018, an Order on Eligible Telectory 28, 2018, and Order on Eligible Telectory 29, 2018, and Order on Eligible Telectory 2018, and Order on Eligible Tele | ecommunications Carrier Designation, Case  a Public Service Commission granting North |
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| Dated this <u>Hotel</u> day of <u>August</u>   | , 2019.   |
|  | NORTH DAKOTA NETWORK CO.  |
|  | BySteve Lysne Its: CEO/General Manger   |
| State of North Dakota ) ss.  County of Ward )  On this 26 day of 2000 day of 2 | CO the cornoration that is described in   |
| TRACIE HANSEN Notary Public State of North Dakota My Commission Expires Sept. 6, 2023  | Notary Public For the State of North Dakota My commission expires: <u>sept</u> ( 2023 |

### BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, CASE NO. PU-19-197

### AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

#### AFFIDAVIT OF

NORTH DAKOTA RSA NO. 3 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389008 to the Company.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within which the Support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the NDPSC's Orders concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the August 2, 2019 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-19-197. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2020.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7 and 54.314.

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| Dated | this 22 | day | of Aug | ust, 2 | 2019. |

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|                            | North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership  By Lachiba fodum  Radhika Poduri  Vice President - Taxes of CommNet Cellular  Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership |
| Commonwealth of Virginia ) |   |
| County of Loudoun )        | SS.   |

On this (1) day of August, 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Radhika Poduri, Vice President – Taxes of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of North Dakota RSA No. 3 Limited Partnership.

JULIA GEAR NOTARY PUBLIC REGISTRATION # 7668998 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOVEMBER 30, 2020

Notary Public

My Commission expires 11/30/2020

# AFFIDAVIT OF NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )    |
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|                       | ) ss |
| County of Ramsey      | )    |

Rodney Hoffmeyer, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by North Dakota Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to North Dakota Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

| study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers. |
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| Dated this 14 day of Quyunt, 2019.   |
| NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE<br>COMPANY  |
| By Rodney Hoffmeyer Rodney Hoffmeyer Its: Manager  |
| State of North Dakota )  |
| On this  |
| SHAWNA M SENGER Notary Public State of North Dakota My Commission Expires Feb 3, 2022  |

# AFFIDAVIT OF NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )     |
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| _                     | ) ss. |
| County of Williams    | . )   |

Jeremy Becker, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Northwest Communications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Northwest Communications Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 13 day of August, 2019. NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS **COOPERATIVE** Jeremy Becker Its: Manager State of North Dakota ) ss. **County of Williams** On this 13th day of August, 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared JEREMY BECKER, known to me to be the Manager of NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. JILENE ZERR Notary Public State of North Dakota For the State of North Dakota My Commission Expires October 9, 2019

### BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, CASE NO. PU-19-197

### AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, WC DOCKET NO. 10-90 AND WC DOCKET NO. 14-58

#### AFFIDAVIT OF

NORTHWEST DAKOTA CELLULAR OF NORTH DAKOTA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is the corporate officer responsible for certifying the use of high-cost federal universal service support (hereinafter "Support") by Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership (hereinafter "Company").
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal Support pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. By Order dated February 25, 2004, in Case No. PU-1226-03-597, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter "NDPSC") designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has assigned study area code ("SAC") 389007 to the Company.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support to be received by the Company, and with how the Company will use all of the Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification by the state to the FCC and USAC that all high-cost federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services within which the Support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the NDPSC's Orders concerning certification as to the use of federal Support, including the NDPSC's August 28, 2002 Order in Case No. PU-439-02-441 and the August 2, 2019 Notice issued by Patrick Fahn in Case No. PU-19-197. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2020.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that the federal Support received during the preceding calendar year, and to be used in the coming calendar year, was and will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended, pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.7 and 54.314.

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| Dated this | 22  | day | of | August, | 201 | 19. |

| Dated this Ad day of August, .   | 2019.  |
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|  | Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership  By Radhold Pooluti  Radhika Poduri  Vice President - Taxes of CommNet Cellular Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Managing Agent of Northwest Dakota Cellular of North Dakota Limited Partnership |
| Commonwealth of Virginia ) ) ss. County of Loudoun )   |  |
| and Commonwealth, personally appeare   | 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County ed Radhika Poduri, Vice President – Taxes of CommNet Managing Agent of Northwest Dakota Cellular of North  |
| JULIA GEAR NOTARY PUBLIC REGISTRATION # 7868998 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOVEMBER 30, 2020 | My Commission expires <u>1//3(月)(分)</u>  |

# AFFIDAVIT OF POLAR COMMUNICATIONS STUDY AREAS 381630 AND 381614 REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )     |
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|                       | ) ss. |
| County of Walsh       | )     |

Karl Blake, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Polar Communications (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General Manager/CEO.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Polar Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R.§ 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice

| grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use |
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| for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll    |
| limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.                                      |

Dated this 147h day of August **POLAR COMMUNICATIONS** Karl Blake Its: General Manager/CEO State of North Dakota ) ss. County of Walsh , 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KARL BLAKE, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO of POLAR COMMUNICATIONS, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. **Notary Public** CAROL J. LAHAISE For the State of North Dakota Notary Public State of North Dakota

My Commission Expires Apr 13, 2023

## AFFIDAVIT OF POLAR TELCOM, INC. REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )         |
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| County of Walsh       | ) ss<br>) |

Karl Blake, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Polar Telcom, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Executive Vice President.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Polar Telcom, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R.§ 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice

grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 14th day of 7 POLAR TELCOM, INC. Karl Blake Its: Executive Vice President State of North Dakota ) ss. County of Walsh day of , 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KARL BLAKE, known to me to be the Executive Vice President of POLAR TELCOM, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. CAROL J. LAHAISE **Notary Public Notary Public** For the State of North Dakota State of North Dakota

My Commission Expires Apr 13, 2023

#### AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST AND CONNECT AMERICA FUND SUPPORT

#### STATE OF COLORADO COUNTY OF BROOMFIELD

I, the undersigned, under penalty of perjury, state as follows:

- 1. I am the Senior Vice President and Controller of CenturyLink, Inc. ("Carrier")
- authorized to certify use of Federal High-Cost and Connect America Fund ("CAF") Support.
- 3. Carrier is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of §214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, has been designated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission as an ETC, and is eligible to receive universal service support pursuant to §254(e) of the Act.
- 4. Carrier files this affidavit in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") Order of May 23, 2001, in Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 14-58 and WC Docket No. 10-90 released in FCC 11- 191, November 18, 2011, which requires that each state certify to the FCC that all Federal High-Cost and CAF Support was used during the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section §254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.
- 5. Carrier hereby attests that it has used Federal High-Cost and CAF Support Funds during the preceding calendar year and will use said funds in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to \$254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, regardless of the rule under which that support is provided.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Eric J. Mortensen

Senior Vice President and Controller

CenturyLink, Inc.

STATE OF COLORADO COUNTY OF BROOMFIELD

Acknowledged before me this Ard day of July 2019, by Eric J. Mortensen as Senior Vice President and Controller for CenturyLink, Inc. who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Printed Name of Notary

My commission expires:

1/20/2023

CYNTHIA DOWNS Notary Public State of Colorado Notary ID # 20154002516 My Commission Expires 01-20-2023

### BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE pu-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN WC DOCKET NO. 10-90

# AFFADAVIT OF RC TECHNOLOGIES REGARDING CERTIFCATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )     |
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|                       | ) ss. |
| County of Roberts     | )     |

Robin Thoreson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own person knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by RC Technologies (hereinafter, the" Company"), in the position of Accounting Department Manger.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of the Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in WC Docket Number 10-90 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254 (e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. §54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2020 and for all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to RC Technologies was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with

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RC Technologies Corporation
Robin Thoreson

Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. §54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

| Dated th                        | is <u>5<sup>th</sup>day of Sentember</u> | <u>~</u> , 2019.                       |
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|                                 |  | RC TECHNOLOGIES                        |
|                                 |  | By-Robin Shoreson                      |
| らぃゅキトへ<br>State of North Dakota | )  | Robin Thoreson Its: Acct Dept Mgr      |
| County of Roberts               | ) ss.<br>)                               |  |
| On this 5th                     | day of Schember, 2019, before            | ore me, a Notary Public in and for the |

Notary Public

For the State of North Dakota

My commission expires:\_

My Commission Expires 8/17/2024



#### AFFIDAVIT OF RED RIVER RURAL COMMUNICTIONS CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )    |
|-----------------------|------|
|                       | ) ss |
| County of Richland    | )    |

Jeffrey J. Olson, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Red River Communications (SAC 381631) (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General Manager/CEO.
- 2. The Company is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an ETC.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2020.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Red River Rural Telephone Association was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent

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with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this 13 th day of August **RED RIVER COMMUNICATIONS** Its: General Manager/CEO State of North Dakota ) ss. County of Richland On this day of April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared JEFFREY J. OLSON, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO of RED RIVER COMMUNICATIONS, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. DONNA JEAN SCHOFF THIEL For the State of North Dakota Notary Public My commission expires: 444.23,2019State of North Dakota My Commission Expires Aug 23, 2019

#### AFFIDAVIT OF RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )    |
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|                       | ) ss |
| County of Mountrail   | )    |

Shane D. Hart, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Reservation Telephone Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Reservation Telephone Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

| study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.   |  |  |
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| Dated this $27^{ta}$ day of $Avgust$ , 2019.   |  |  |
| RESERVATION TELEPHONE  |  |  |
| COOPERATIVE  |  |  |
| By Alore () Hart   |  |  |
| Shane D. Hart  |  |  |
| Its: Manager   |  |  |
| State of North Dakota ) ) ss.  |  |  |
| County of Mountrail )  |  |  |
| On this 27th day of, 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared SHANE D. HART, known to me to be the Manager of RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. |  |  |
| GRETCHEN EDWARDS  Notary Public  Notary Public  For the State of North Polyage   |  |  |
| State of North Dakota  For the State of North Dakota   |  |  |

## AFFIDAVIT OF SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC. REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of Montana  | )    |
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|                   | ) ss |
| County of Daniels | )    |

Remi Sun, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Chief Financial Officer.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice

grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this day of August, 2019.

SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC.

By

Remi Sun

Its: Chief Financial Officer

State of Montana
) ss.

County of Daniels

On this day of August, 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared REMI SUN, known to me to be the Chief Financial Officer of SAGEBRUSH CELLULAR, INC., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



TARA L. BOZE
NOTARY PUBLIC for the
State of Montana
Residing at Scobey, Montana
My Commission Expires
April 26, 2021

Notary Public
For the State of Montana

## AFFIDAVIT OF SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )         |
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| County of Ward        | ) ss<br>) |

Steve Lysne, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by SRT Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to SRT Communications. Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R.§ 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice

grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

|          | Dated this 36th day of August   | , 2019.   |
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|          |   | SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  |
|          |   | By Atolog   |
|          |   | Steve Lysne / (<br>Its: Manager   |
| State of | North Dakota )<br>) ss.   |   |
| County   | of Ward )   |   |
| Manage   | or of SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC., d the within instrument, and acknowledge. | , 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and red STEVE LYSNE, known to me to be the the corporation that is described in and that edged to me that such corporation executed |
|          | TRACIE HANSEN   | Jeansen Lansen  |
|          | Notary Public State of North Dakota My Commission Expires Sept. 6, 2023   | Notary Public For the State of North Dakota   |

## AFFIDAVIT OF TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )         |
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| County of Cavalier    | ) ss<br>) |

Perry Oster, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Turtle Mountain Communications (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Turtle Mountain Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

| Dated this 12th day of August   | , 2019.   |
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| TARA MIKKELSEN<br>Notary Public<br>State of North Dakota<br>My Commission Expires Sep 12, 2021  | TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS  By Perry Oster Its: Manager |
| State of North Dakota ) ) ss. County of Cavalier )  |   |
| On this 12th day of August for said County and State, personally appear Manager of TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNIC and that executed the within instrument, and executed the same. | CATIONS, the corporation that is described in               |
|   | Notary Public For the State of North Dakota                 |

## AFFIDAVIT OF UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )     |
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|                       | ) ss. |
| County of Cavalier    | )     |

Perry Oster, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to United Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's

study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

| Dated this 12th day of August  | , 2019.  |
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| TARA MIKKELSEN<br>Notary Public<br>State of North Dakota<br>My Commission Expires Sep 12, 2021   | UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION  By  Perry Osser |
|  | Its: Manager   |
| State of North Dakota ) ss.  |  |
| County of Cavalier )   |  |
| On this 12th day of August for said County and State, personally appear Manager of UNITED TELEPHONE MUTUAL described in and that executed the within inst corporation executed the same. | AID CORPORATION, the corporation that is                 |
|  | Notary Public For the State of North Dakota              |

AFFIDAVIT OF VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

State of North Dakota)

County of Sargent )ss.

Randy W. Houdek, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Venture Communications Cooperative, (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of General manager/CEO.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. The Company serves 13 access lines within the boundaries of North Dakota and approximately 11,500 access lines within the boundaries of South Dakota.
- 4. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 5. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in WC Docket No. 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. \* 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. \* 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Order of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001 in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2020, and for all quarters thereafter.
- 6. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Venture Communications was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. \* 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. \* 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency

signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation services for qualifying low-income consumers.

| and the service services.   |
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| Dated this 27th day of August, 2019.  |
| VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE  |
| By: - fw//allale  |
| Randy W. Houdek   |
| Its: General Manager/CEO  |
| State of South Dakota )   |
| ) ss.   |
| County of Hyde )  |
| On this $\frac{20}{30}$ day of August 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RANDY W. HOUDEK, known to me to be the General Manager/CEO for VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same. |
| Jarrese K. Lale he, Notary Public   |
| For the State of South Dakota   |
| My commission expires: MARCH 24, 2022   |

#### EXHIBIT D Affidavit

STATE OF SOUTH

DAKOTA COUNTY OF

) ) ss.

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- 1. I am the General Manager of \_\_Venture Communications Cooperative \_ and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is provided to support the Company's Request for Certification to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.
- 2. As an authorized representative of the Company, I hereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding of the requirements of the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the USF/ICC Transformation Order of 2011 and the USF Transformation Order of 2016 with respect to the receipt of any federal high cost universal service support received as either Interstate Access Support, Connect America Fund ICC, Interstate Common Line Support/Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support, High Cost Loop Support, Safety Net Additive Support or Safety Valve Support.
- 3. During 2018, the Company received federal high cost universal service support as shown on Exhibit A to this affidavit and had investment and expenses relating to the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support was intended as also shown on Exhibit A. During 2018, the Company used the federal high cost universal service support it received only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support was intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).
- 4. The Company certifies that it will use the federal high cost universal service support it receives during 2020 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

| 5. T             | he Company certifies that it (A) is in compliance with applicable service quality         |
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| standards and co | nsumer protection rules; and (B) is able to function in emergency situations as set forth |
| in § 20:10:32:43 | 03.   |

General Manager

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this : day of June 2019.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:\_

MARCH 24, 2022

### AFFIDAVIT OF WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )    |
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|                       | ) ss |
| County of Mercer      | )    |

Troy Schilling, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by West River Telecommunications Cooperative (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Manager.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to West River Telecommunications Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout

the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

| Dated this <u>lb</u> day of <u>August</u>   | , 2019.                                     |
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|   | WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE   |
|   | By My Troy Schilling                        |
|   | Its: Manager                                |
| State of North Dakota )   | '   |
| ) ss. County of Mercer )  |   |
| On this <u>\lo</u> day of <del>\lo</del> day of <del>\lo</del> for said County and State, personally appear Manager of WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNI that is described in and that executed the with such corporation executed the same. | ICATIONS COOPERATIVE, the corporation       |
| MARSHA SWANSON Notary Public State of North Dakota My Commission Expires Sept. 07, 2022   | Notary Public For the State of North Dakota |

## AFFIDAVIT OF WOLVERTON TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

| State of North Dakota | )         |
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| County of Walsh       | ) ss<br>) |

Karl Blake, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

- 1. Affiant is employed by Wolverton Telephone Company (hereinafter, the "Company"), in the position of Executive Vice President.
- 2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "Act"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
- 3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company, and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
- 4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001, in WC Docket Number 10-90 and WC Docket Number 14-58 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2019 and all quarters thereafter.
- 5. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to Wolverton Telephone Company was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support for the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101, throughout the Company's study

area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; (b) minutes of use for local service at no additional charge; (c) access to emergency services; and (d) toll limitation services to qualifying low-income consumers.

Dated this day of WOLVERTON-TELEPHONE COMPANY

By Karl Blake
Its: Executive Vice President

State of North Dakota
) ss.

County of Walsh

On this day of August, 2019, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared KARL BLAKE, known to me to be the Executive Vice President of WOLVERTON TELEPHONE COMPANY, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

**Notary Public** 

For the State of North Dakota

CAROL J. LAHAISE

Notary Public

State of North Dakota

My Commission Expires Apr 13, 2023